leaf, their ſhape oblong, rather broader at the baſe, blunt at the extremity, and more or leſs ſerrated or crenated on the edge, particularly at the upper extremity.

Seed veſſels in two rows placed on the back of the lobes on the plane of the diſk, one row on each ſide the nerve, in number from three to ſix, kidney-ſhaped, covered with a pellicle; they are at firſt white, then change to a bluiſh or aſh colour; when the ſeeds are ripe the pellicle burſts, and, after the diſcharge of the ſeeds, the veſſels become brown, and appear as if covered with duſt, but do not run together as in the Polipodium thelypteris.

The certain characters of diſtinction between Polipodium Filix-mas, and Polipodium thelypteris, are theſe: in the firſt, the lobes are broad at the extremity, and ſerrated; the ſeed-veſſels are kidney-ſhaped, and placed on the plane diſk of the lobes; in the laſt the lobes are obtuſely pointed, and entire on the edges; and the ſeed veſſels placed in rows of ſmall round dots cloſe to the margin of the lobes.

Male Fern grows about the borders of woods near rivulets, and in ſtony and rocky places about Halifax abundantly.

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